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Sir:

Pursuant to the Office Action having a mailing date of March 30, 1993 and received in regard to the above-noted application, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

(AMENDED) A device for creating a sample receptacle for retaining a sample to be subject to spectrochemical analysis, said device used in conjunction with a flexible sheet of material having peripheral edges, wherein said device comprises:

a tubular body having a predetermined length and a tapered exterior wall and at least one open end; and

a generally annular collar being disposed around substantially all of said predetermined length of said tubular body with an interference fit, whereby said collar

